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SACRAMENTO UPDATE - STATUS OF COUNTY-SPONSORED AND CO-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

This memorandum provides the status of legislative proposals for County sponsorship and co-sponsorship that the Sacramento advocates will be pursuing in the first year of the 2015-16 Legislative Session.

The deadline for bill introduction was Friday, February 27, 2015, and as outlined below, four proposals for County-sponsored and co-sponsored legislation have been introduced.

County-Sponsored Legislation

AB 1119 (Rendon) - Public Utility Projects in Unincorporated Areas. As introduced on February 27, 2015, this measure would grant counties the same rights as cities to object to and challenge public utility projects proposed by other jurisdictions that would encroach on streets within the county's unincorporated areas. Specifically, the bill would include counties in the term "municipal corporation" and "municipality" and would provide counties the same rights as cities to require that a city proposing to construct a utility project within the county's street or highway to obtain either an agreement from county officials or an independent judicial determination of the cities' right to do so. AB 1119 is currently pending referral to committee.

SB 604 (Hall) - Workers' Compensation Liability for Contracted Temporary Workers. As introduced on February 27, 2015, this measure would amend existing law to clarify that in the event a self-insured governmental entity contracts with a general

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employer whose workers' compensation carrier becomes insolvent, the California Insurance Guarantee Association would carry the workers' compensation liability. SB 604 is currently pending referral to committee.

County Co-Sponsored Legislation

AB 879 (Burke) - Notice of Dependency Hearings by Electronic Mail. As introduced on February 26, 2015, this measure would allow a county, or city and county, and the court to provide notice by electronic mail to parties in dependency cases, and would permit an individual to receive notice of scheduled dependency court hearings electronically, as specified. As previously reported, the County is co-sponsoring this measure with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA). AB 879 is currently pending referral to committee.

SB 478 (Huff) - Online System for Receipt of Child Abuse Reports. As introduced on February 26, 2015, this measure would create a voluntary pilot program, until January 1, 2021, in geographical areas identified by the California Department of Social Services and CWDA for participating counties to allow specified mandated reporters to make initial reports of non-emergent child abuse or neglect to the Child Protection Agency through an online report, in lieu of telephonic reports. The County is co-sponsoring this measure with CWDA. SB 478 is currently pending referral to committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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